



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

MATURE WORKFORCE COMMITTEE (MWC)

MEETING MINUTES

September 11, 2014

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Arizona State Capitol Executive Tower

Third Floor Conference Room

1700 West Washington Street

Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Pending Approval

Council Members, Liaisons, and Participants Present

Diane Joens (Committee Chairwoman), Becky Brimhall-Lepire, Charles Brown, Patsy Gillis, Joy Grainger, Deborah Lavinsky, Melinda Preston, Trudy Schuett, Tonya Watson, Christine Bryson-Lazo, Steve Cook, Randy Maskell, Darrell Reagan, Tish Wallace and Paula Wright

Council Members Absent

George Evanoff, Teresa Ramirez Lopez, Doyle Meredith, Lisa O'Neill, Allison Perrin and C.T. Wright

Council Staff Present

Cathy De Lisa, Kim Jennings and Carolyn Sigler

Guests Present and Signing In

Elisa Davis and Kathy Rood

Welcome, Introductions, Review & Approval of July 10, 2014, Draft Mature Workforce Committee Minutes

Committee Chairwoman Diane Joens called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. A welcome and introduction period followed. Minutes from the July 10, 2014, MWC meeting were reviewed. *Melinda Preston made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Becky Brimhall-Lepire seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

Presentation and Discussion

AARP Foundation: Senior Community Service Employment Program

Paula Wright, Project Director with the AARP Foundation, presented on the SCSEP program. The Foundation is one of three divisions of AARP, the others being AARP Services Inc. and AARP Membership. The SCSEP program offers training and job placement to older workers who are having a difficult time securing employment.

Ms. Wright announced that the AARP Foundation will also be offering a Mature Workers Job Fair in 2015 and is looking for partners for the event.

A copy of the *AARP Senior Community Service Employment Program* presentation is available for review at the Council on Aging office.

Office Update & Discussion

Program and Project Specialist Kim Jennings reported on the www.azmatureworkers.com website stats and distributed copies to the group. Ms. Jennings also reported Pima County will be holding a 50 and over Job Fair; Goodwill is opening another career center and store in Tucson and then provided the “65+ Population in the US” report from the US Census Bureau to all attendees.

Copies of the website stats and the “65+ Population in the US” report are available for review through the Council on Aging office.

Report Out & Discussion on Events Related to MWC

Christine Bryson-Lazo referenced a New York Times article from May 14, 2014, titled “The Age Premium: Retaining Older Workers.” Ms. Bryson-Lazo also reported the Wider Opportunities for Women elder index data was updated and posted as of 8/27/14 at: www.basiceconomicsecurity.org/ei.

Tish Wallace reported that Visiting Angels is looking for people aged 40 to 60 years for on-going positions in non-medical caregiving work roles.

Randy Maskell shared the challenges of finding in-home caregivers in rural areas of Arizona.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Committee Chairwoman Diane Joens at 12:53 p.m.

Next Meeting:

The date and location of future meetings will be determined and announced by Public Meeting Notice posted at the Governor’s Advisory Council on Aging website: <http://www.azgovernor.gov/gaca/>. These meetings are open to the public.